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New Haven Oil Spill

A joint effort by four organizations, including the Coast Guard Reserve, averted a major ecological disaster in early October after a Greek tanker spilled 2500 barrels of crude oil into New Haven, Conn., harbor.

The 550 foot MESSINIAKI BERGEN, carrying 8.5 million gallons of crude oil, struck the bottom of New Haven harbor shortly after midnight on 6 October, causing seven cracks in the hull.

After the tanker was moored, preparations began to halt the flow of oil into the harbor and adjacent to Long Island Sound. Coast Guard Group Long Island Sound and private contractors started containment procedures immediately and within two hours booms surrounded the vessel.

At daylight, Commander, Group Long Island Sound, CDR Emanuel SCHNEIDER, USCG, saw that a potentially dangerous situation was developing and contacted local and state officials. Seven reservists from Coast Guard Reserve unit New Haven were placed on Special Active Duty for Training (SPADT) orders to help contain the spill.

Cooperation of all those involved averted a major disaster, according to CDR SCHNEIDER. Although 40,000 gallons of oil escaped into the harbor and Sound, an additional 60,000 gallons were contained around the MESSINIAKI BERGEN. The rest of the 8.5 million gallons did not escape from the ship.

CDR SCHNEIDER praised the efforts of everyone involved in the oil spill and clean-up. "I think our men acted in a very professional manner and did an outstanding job. Without the help of the reservists, Group personnel would have been pushed to the point of exhaustion."



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To Men and Women of the Coast Guard Reserve:

As we come to the end of another year, I want to express my pride in the significant achievements of Coast Guard Reservists over the past twelve months. With the cooperation of active duty Coast Guardsmen, you are making the "One Coast Guard" policy a reality. You are performing meaningful tasks that are of real benefit to the Coast Guard, and I've had the pleasure of personally observing your activities in many locations.

As the new year begins, it is important to maintain our momentum. 1974 was a good year--let's make 1975 even better.

To all of you and your families in the Coast Guard Reserve, I send sincere wishes for a joyous holiday season and nothing but the best in 1975.

Sincerely,

J. E. Johansen
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Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard



TRAINING HINTS

CHRIS: New Information System Will Aid Dangerous Spill Clean-up

The Coast Guard has produced an information system designed to identify chemical discharges and then provide means for dealing with the spill.

The system is designated Chemical Hazards Response Information System (CHRIS). Initial distribution of CHRIS materials should be completed by 1 January 1975.

CHRIS will be an asset to all Coast Guard personnel involved with spills potentially dangerous to the environment. Reservists in the port securityman rating or holding port security designators should become familiar with the system.

Knowing how to use the publications will be valuable in augmentation activities and essential when reservists are mobilized to combat a spill. CHRIS includes the following:

1. A Condensed Guide to Chemical Hazards (CG-446-1) - a handbook designed for the use of those first on the scene at an incident.

2. Hazardous Chemical Data (CG-

446-2) - a support book primarily for the On-Scene Coordinator.

3. Hazard Assessment Handbook (CG-446-3) - book providing means of estimating threats presented by released chemicals.

4. Response Methods Handbook (CG-446-4) - descriptive information and technical data on existing response methods.

5. Regional Contingency Plan Data Base - data pertinent to a specific region, sub-region, or

locale.

6. Hazard Assessment Computer Systems (HACS) - computerized counterpart of CG-446-2 and CG-446-3.

Reserve Group Commanders will be issued books 1-4. If you are in a situation where you may be required to assist in a chemical spill incident it will be to your advantage to become familiar with CHRIS.

Further information concerning the system may be found in COMDTNOTE 3020 of 12 November 1974.

PNA Letter Gives Break on SW Exam

Some E-6's competing for E-7 on the servicewide examination receive letters saying they have earned a satisfactory exam score but will not be advanced due to limited E-7 vacancies in their rating.

Such individuals have met a minimum standard for advancement to E-7. However, they are not among the best qualified for the E-7 positions available in their particular rating.

The "passed but not advanced" (PNA) letter serves another purpose. An individual must pass the E-7

examination before competing in the warrant officer examination. Those "passed but not advanced" personnel meet this requirement. Thus it is possible for an individual to become a warrant officer without selection for advancement to chief petty officer.

A PNA letter provides a service. The individual will have to compete successfully in a later servicewide examination in order to advance to E-7. In the meantime, it provides recognition for meeting a standard and allows competition for selection as warrant officer.

Petty Officer Level Human Relations Effectiveness

Leadership evaluation marks for all Coast Guard enlisted personnel have been modified to include "human relations effectiveness" as a category for evaluation.

The change, recommended by a National Urban League study, will focus attention on the member's responsibility in human and race relations, according to COMDTNOTE 1616 of 12 November 1974.

The marking officer will add the statement "Ability to recognize and carry out his civil rights/human relations responsibilities" to the first paragraph in the leadership column of the evaluation form, CG-3788.

The Administrative Manual for Coast Guard Reserve, CG-296, Section 4-6-5 is being amended to reflect the change. Future editions of the evaluation form will contain the statement.

In the past, the CG has attempted to approach this problem through command levels, but it appears a more effective approach would be to influence actions of those at the petty officer level, where most problems begin.

Proper Preparation Needed for SWE

Planning on taking the spring Service Wide Exams? If so, now is a good time to be sure you have properly prepared yourself. A recent analysis of SWE results reveal weak areas in several ratings.

The areas listed below should be given special attention in reviewing for the SWE in the BM, PS, MK, and YN ratings. These four ratings compose 56% of all rated reservists. Past performance has shown these to be troublesome areas.

BM
Administration and Law Enforcement
Gunnery and Small Arms
Aids to Navigation

PS
Military Requirements
Fire Fighting Techniques, Sprinklers, Detection Systems

MK
Boilers
Steam Machinery
Distilling Plants
Pumps, Valves, Piping
Refrigeration, Air Conditioning

Administration
Military Supervision

YN
Transfers, Leave, Liberty, Allotments
Service Record Maintenance
Reports, Publications, Security
Legal Procedures
Training, Education, Benefits
Personnel Affairs, Personnel
Accounting

G-ECV Needs Help

Civil Engineering Division (G-ECV) at Headquarters needs Coast Guard Reserve architects/engineers for 30 to 60 day active duty periods to conduct studies relating to shore facilities management.

Topics requiring study involve value engineering, CPM/PERT scheduling, standard designs for shore units, solar energy, project planning, etc.

For more information contact LCDR W.M. BAXLEY, Commandant (G-ECV-2/61), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C. Telephone: 202-426-1284.

Applicants Sought For Summer '75 CIOR Competitions

The Coast Guard tentatively plans to again take part in events sponsored by the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR).

The next annual congress and athletic competitions, presently scheduled for Athens, Greece in summer of 1975, will mark the fourth consecutive year of Coast Guard participation.

The athletic events consist of a military triathlon composed of firing of weapons, obstacle run and utility swim, and orienteering.

Orienteering, an overland race using map and compass to arrive at pre-arranged checkpoints, is a sport rapidly growing in worldwide popularity.

The United States intends to enter a 25-man contingent made up of reservists from all armed forces. After initial screening, those Coast Guard Reserve applicants selected will be ordered to Ft. Meade, MD,

RPA Selection Board Reminder

The Reserve Program Administrator (RPA) designation board is scheduled to meet in February 1975, to consider applicants for designation as permanent or provisional RPA.

Both active and inactive duty Reserve officers in the grades of LTJG or LT are eligible to apply for permanent RPA if they:

- have not been considered by more than one previous designation board;
- have served at least 2 1/2 years active duty as a commissioned officer in the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve;
- and have completed a minimum of one year of service in a Headquarters or district office Reserve billet.

Active and inactive duty Reserve officers not meeting these last two requirements may apply for designation as provisional RPAs. If selected, a provisional RPA will be ordered to duty for evaluation and completion of necessary requirements.

Application in letter form sent via the chain of command must be submitted in January to reach Headquarters not later than 1 FEB 1975.

More detailed information is contained in the SEPT 74 issue of the "Reservist", and in Sections 1-B-3, 5-A-6, 12-C-7, 14-A-12 and 14-A-17 of the Personnel Manual (CG-207).

again this year to join other service candidates for additional training and final U.S. team selection.

Coast Guard Reserve officers who are on active duty, performing inactive duty, or members of the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) are eligible to apply.

Coast Guard officers on active duty who are selected to compete will be issued TAD orders. Inactive duty officers will be issued active duty for training orders.

The Coast Guard Reserve CIOR participants have been highly successful in the past three competitions. In those three years they have accounted for 40 of a total 170 possible awards while sparking the U.S. teams to one first and two second place finishes.

Potential competitors should possess superior running endurance--the ability to run five miles in within 30 minutes, for example. Strength, coordination, and swimming ability are also important. A background in the handling of weapons and in outdoor orienteering is helpful but not essential.

A Commandant Notice outlining complete details is being prepared and will be distributed in the near future.

Application letters should be forwarded to Commandant (G-RT) via the chain-of-command to be received prior to 28 February 1975. Screening questionnaires will be furnished to all interested applicants.

CG Reserve Policy Board to Meet

The National Coast Guard Reserve Policy Board for Fiscal Year 1975 will meet at Coast Guard Headquarters 20 to 22 January 1975. Nominations to the board have been received from each district.

The 1975 policy board will be the first to include an enlisted member. This change was approved by the FY74 policy board.

The report by the FY 1974 policy board has been approved by the Secretary of Transportation. The report should be printed and available by the first of the new year.



Ohio River Reserve Conference

RADM Charles J. HANKS, USCGR (1.) inspects a poster advertising the CG Reserve's new RK program for high school students while attending the recent Ohio River Reserve Group Conference in Columbus (O.). Also interested in the RK program are (1. to r.) LTJG C.H. BELL, USCGR and LT C.E. SCALES, USCGR of Coast Guard Reserve Unit Columbus and LT W.J. LEDOUX, USCG, Commander, Ohio River Group.

Topics discussed at the conference included recruiting for the RK and RP programs, augmentation and formal training guidelines, and qualifications of reservists in order to augment Regular missions. In all, 30 officers representing the efforts of more than 350 Coast Guard reservists over 1450 miles of the Ohio River participated in the conference.

Reservists Eligible for Cutter And Unit Commendation Awards

The Commandant has awarded the Coast Guard Unit Commendation to all personnel attached to and serving with SOUTHEAST ASIA SECTION from 1 January 1972 through 31 December 1972.

The award was made for "exceptionally meritorious service" in providing Loran-C coverage to U.S. Forces vital in the late 1972 air campaign which culminated in the Vietnam cease-fire.

All personnel attached to the following units during the cited period are eligible for the Coast Guard Unit Commendation.

- Southeast Asia Section Office, Bangkok, Thailand;
- Loran Transmitting Station, Sattahip, Thailand;
- Loran Transmitting Station, Con Son, RVN;
- Loran Transmitting Station, Tan My, RVN;
- Loran Transmitting Station, Udorn, Thailand;
- Loran Transmitting Station, Lampang, Thailand; and
- Senior Coast Guard Officer Vietnam and Staff.

LORSTA LAMPANG previously was

awarded the Coast Guard Unit Commendation for the period 28 March 1972 to 31 December 1972. Personnel assigned to LORSTA LAMPANG 1 January 1972 and detached on or before 27 March 1972 are authorized to participate in this award.

Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District and Commander, Southeast Asia Section do not have the information necessary to present this award to personnel no longer serving on active duty.

Commanding Officers of Coast Guard Reserve Units should furnish Commandant (G-PS-5/62) with the name of any unit member eligible for the award. Ribbon bars and facsimile citations will be forwarded for appropriate presentation.

Citations have also been certified for three Coast Guard Cutters. Coast Guard reservists who were serving on USCGC MENDOTA (WHEC 69), USCGC CASTLE ROCK (WHEC 383), or USCGC COOK INLET (WHEC 384) during the award periods are eligible for the citation.

CGC MENDOTA is eligible for the

Presidential Unit Citation (Navy) awarded to Task Force 115 (Operation SWIFT RAIDER) from 6 December 1968 through 31 March 1969. The period of eligibility for MENDOTA is 15 to 31 March 1969.

CGC CASTLE ROCK and CGC COOK INLET are eligible for the Meritorious Unit Citation awarded to Commander, Task Force 115. The periods of eligibility are 31 July through 15 December 1971 for CASTLE ROCK and 18 July through 15 December 1971 for COOK INLET.

Award distribution already has been made to active duty personnel. Ribbon bars and facsimile citations will be furnished to other eligible personnel upon request. Inquiries should be addressed to Commandant (G-PS-5/62).

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Members of the Coast Guard Reserve are invited to submit articles of interest to the Editor of RESERVIST for possible publication.

Reserve Officer Promotion Status

The status of inactive duty Reserve officer promotions to LT through CAPT as of 19 December 1974 is shown below. Listed are the names and signal numbers of the junior officers on the latest selection lists for whom vacancies exist and whose running mates have been promoted. In addition, the officer's position on the selection list and the number remaining on that list are shown.

	Junior Reached	Signal Number	Position On List	Number Left
CAPT -	William T. SHEPPARD	169	13	1
CDR -	Richard L. POWELL	572	25	0
LTJG -	Richard F. SANDERS	1569	70	0
LT -	Joseph F. FURLONG, III	3122	26	219

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